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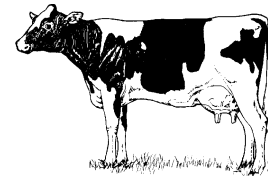
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MILK DISPOSITION AND INCOME

Milk production increased 3 percent in 1999 to 163 billion pounds. The rate per cow at 17,771 pounds, was 582 pounds above 1998. The annual average number of cows on farms at 9.16 million head, was 2,000 more than 1998. Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 1999 at \$23.2 billion dollars, was 4 percent below 1998. Producer returns averaged \$14.38 per hundredweight, 7 percent below 1998. Marketings totaled 161 billion pounds, 3 percent above 1998. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers. An estimated 1.37 billion pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 3 percent less than 1998. Calves were fed 83 percent of this milk with the remainder consumed in producer households.



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MILK, DISPOSITION INCOME AND VALUE MARYLAND 1994 - 1999									
Year	Combined Marketings				Milk Used on Farms Where Produced			Gross Producer Income ⁴	Farm Value of Milk Produced ⁵
	Milk	Ave. Returns ¹		Cash Receipts From Marketings					
		Per 100 Pounds Milk	Per Pound Milk Fat		Fed to Calves ²	Milk Utilized	Value ³		
	Million Pounds	----Dollars----		Thousand Dollars	Million -----Pounds-----		Thou. Dollars	Thousand Dollars	
1994	1,325	13.70	3.70	181,525	7	3	411	181,936	182,895
1995	1,330	13.20	3.57	175,560	7	3	396	175,956	176,880
1996	1,302	15.30	4.11	199,206	7	3	459	199,665	200,736
1997	1,316	13.80	3.76	181,608	7	3	414	182,022	182,988
1998	1,331	15.70	4.25	208,967	6	3	471	209,438	210,380
1999	1,335	15.00	4.02	203,250	7	3	450	203,700	204,750

¹ Cash Receipts divided by milk or milkfat represented in combined marketings.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Used for milk, cream and butter where produced, valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream.

⁴ Cash Receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and farm churned butter.

⁵ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

SOYBEAN COUNTY ESTIMATES

Soybeans: Acreage and Production

State and County	1998				1999			
	Acres		Yield Per Acre	Production	Acres		Yield Per Acre	Production
	Planted	Harvested			Planted	Harvested		
<u>MARYLAND</u>	Acres		Bushels		Acres		Bushels	
<i>Allegany</i>								
<i>Garrett</i>								
<i>All Counties¹</i>	200	200	30.0	6,000	300	300	25.0	7,500
<i>Western</i>	200	200	30.0	6,000	300	300	25.0	7,500
<i>Baltimore</i>	8,400	8,200	40.0	328,000	13,000	12,800	26.9	344,100
<i>Carroll</i>	22,500	22,200	37.1	824,000	18,300	18,000	27.6	496,800
<i>Frederick</i>	23,000	22,500	32.4	729,000	24,200	24,000	23.1	554,200
<i>Harford</i>	9,300	9,100	40.0	364,000	8,400	7,400	27.2	201,400
<i>Howard</i>	4,300	4,200	30.5	128,000	3,600	3,200	23.4	74,800
<i>Montgomery</i>	13,800	13,600	30.0	408,000	15,800	15,400	28.0	431,200
<i>Washington</i>	7,700	7,400	35.3	261,000	6,700	6,400	25.7	164,700
<i>North Central</i>	89,000	87,200	34.9	3,042,000	90,000	87,200	26.0	2,267,200
<i>Anne Arundel</i>	4,600	4,400	30.0	132,000	5,400	5,000	29.2	146,100
<i>Calvert</i>	3,800	3,700	20.0	74,000	3,800	3,700	21.4	79,300
<i>Charles</i>	7,700	7,300	18.1	132,000	8,100	7,900	23.1	182,500
<i>Prince George's</i>	5,700	5,200	26.0	135,000	5,000	4,900	20.4	100,200
<i>St. Mary's</i>	11,200	11,000	18.0	198,000	13,700	13,200	16.7	220,600
<i>Southern</i>	33,000	31,600	21.2	671,000	36,000	34,700	24.6	728,700
<i>West of Bay</i>	122,200	119,000	31.3	3,719,000	126,300	122,200	19.0	3,003,400
<i>Caroline</i>	45,200	44,400	27.0	1,199,000	56,200	55,300	25.9	1,434,400
<i>Cecil</i>	15,200	14,900	33.6	500,000	18,100	17,800	33.9	604,000
<i>Kent</i>	36,000	35,400	39.5	1,400,000	36,200	36,100	32.1	1,157,400
<i>Queen Anne's</i>	67,300	66,200	34.1	2,255,000	70,100	70,000	31.7	2,215,500
<i>Talbot</i>	44,100	43,100	25.0	1,078,000	37,500	37,200	35.5	1,319,100
<i>Northern Eastern Shore</i>	207,800	204,000	31.5	6,432,000	218,100	216,400	31.1	6,730,400
<i>Dorchester</i>	52,200	51,600	28.7	1,482,000	54,200	52,700	32.0	1,683,900
<i>Somerset</i>	19,000	18,500	32.1	594,000	22,100	22,000	38.7	851,100
<i>Wicomico</i>	27,600	26,100	26.2	684,000	27,300	25,000	28.1	703,400
<i>Worcester</i>	41,200	40,800	33.1	1,349,000	42,000	41,700	34.2	1,427,800
<i>Southern Eastern Shore</i>	140,000	137,000	30.0	4,109,000	145,600	141,400	33.0	4,666,200
<i>East of Bay</i>	347,800	341,000	30.9	10,541,000	363,700	357,800	31.9	11,396,600
<i>Maryland Total</i>	470,000	460,000	31.0	14,260,000	490,000	480,000	30.0	14,400,000
<u>DELAWARE</u>								
<i>New Castle</i>	26,000	25,500	37.0	944,000	26,000	25,500	29.6	753,800
<i>Kent</i>	79,000	77,500	36.0	2,790,000	77,000	75,100	27.1	2,036,700
<i>Sussex</i>	115,000	113,000	30.0	3,394,000	102,000	100,400	26.3	2,636,500
<i>Delaware Total</i>	220,000	216,000	33.0	7,128,000	205,000	201,000	27.0	5,427,000
<u>VIRGINIA</u> (<i>Eastern Shore</i>)								
<i>Accomack</i>	44,000	43,300	19.0	822,700	39,600	38,800	24.0	931,200
<i>Northampton</i>	25,800	25,000	20.0	500,000	22,900	22,700	25.0	567,500
<i>Delmarva Total</i>	637,600	625,300	30.4	18,991,700	631,200	620,300	29.5	18,322,300

¹ Counties with acreage too small to publish separately.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The prices Maryland and Delaware farmers received for crops improved during May, and in some cases improved significantly over 1999 levels. Soybean prices rose 16 cents a bushel from April and were 88 cents above May 1999. Cattle and hog prices remain strong, showing modest increases from April, and

remaining well about levels from a year ago. Milk prices rose a dime a hundredweight, but are 80 cents below prices from May of 1999. The U.S. level All Farm Products Index increased from April, led by crops and poultry.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ¹								
COMMODITY	UNIT	Maryland and Delaware			United States			PARITY PRICES
		MAY	APR.	MAY	MAY	APR. ¹	MAY	
		1999	2000	2000	1999	2000	2000	
		Dollars						
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.34	2.26	2.38	2.34	2.32	2.39	9.65
Corn	BU	2.41	2.49	2.57	1.99	2.03	2.06	6.65
Oats	BU	1.75	1.80	1.80	1.31	1.35	1.35	3.37
Barley	BU	1.45	1.45	1.63	1.82	2.09	2.12	5.94
Soybeans	BU	4.49	5.21	5.37	4.50	5.00	5.15	13.90
All Hay, Baled	TON	108.00	123.00	125.00	92.60	80.70	89.40	-----
Apples, Fresh	LB	----	0.266	-----	0.133	0.197	0.182	0.147
All Beef Cattle	CWT	54.50	68.60	72.10	62.10	71.30	69.40	154.00
Calves	CWT	63.20	91.00	92.40	87.60	111.00	109.00	198.00
Hogs	CWT	34.00	41.10	41.90	36.60	47.30	48.80	102.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	13.70	12.80	12.90	12.70	11.90	12.00	31.50
Chickens ²	LB	0.090	0.105	0.100	-----	-----	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.370	0.365	0.370	0.380	0.365	0.370	-----
Turkeys, Live	LB	-----	-----	-----	0.394	0.398	0.404	0.919
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.423	0.536	0.398	0.352	0.477	0.314	0.151

¹ Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price

² Does not include broilers

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 = 100		
	MAY 1999	APR. 2000	MAY 2000
All Farm Products	98	* 100	102
All Crops	103	* 101	105
Feed Grain & Hay	93	* 91	95
Oil Bearing Crops	81	89	92
Fruits & Nuts	119	* 88	91
All Livestock and Livestock Products	93	* 100	99
Meat Animals	83	* 99	98
Dairy Products	97	91	92
Poultry and Eggs	111	111	108
Ratio ¹	85	84	86
Price Paid Index	115	119	119

*Revised

¹ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index prices paid.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

Maryland laying flocks produced 71 million eggs during April 2000, of which 65 million were table eggs and 6 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 70.9 percent. The average number of layers on hand during April 1999 was 3,335,000. On May 1, 2000, 7.0 percent of the layers in Maryland were being molted and 38.0 percent of all layers had been through a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.01 billion during April 2000, up 3 percent from the 6.78 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.036 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2000 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during April 1999. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,130

eggs, up 1 percent from 2,110 eggs in April 1999. Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 36.6 million, down 13 percent from April 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.9 million on May 1, 2000, up 5 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 309,000 during April 2000, up 8 percent from April 1999. The April 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 744 million, was up 1 percent from April of the previous year. There were 637 million eggs in incubators on May 1, 2000, up slightly from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.76 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2000, down 4 percent from April 1999.

EGGS AND LAYERS: APRIL 1999 and 2000			
Item	1999	2000	2000/1999
Eggs Produced During April	-----Million-----		Percent
U.S.	6,784	7,014	103
Maryland	76	71	93
Layers, Average Number During April	-----Thousand-----		
U.S.	321,515	329,271	102
Maryland	3,454	3,335	97
Eggs/100 Layers During April	-----Number-----		
U.S.	2,110	2,130	101
Maryland	2,200	2,129	97

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